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AIR FREIGHT DOWN 4.4% IN FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1985

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 2--Air freight traffic declined 4.4 percent in the first two months of 1985, compared with the first two months of last year when air freight registered a gain of 21.6 percent, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in the first two months was down 9.3 percent. Domestic air transportation of mail was up 1.0 percent. Domestic air cargo for the first two months, including freight and mail, was down 6.9 percent.

International air freight in the first two months rose 4.4 percent. Mail declined 3.8 percent and cargo was up 3.2 percent.

Systemwide air freight in February fell 6.8 percent, compared with the same month last year.

Domestic air freight in February declined 11.5 percent. Mail was down 1.4 percent and domestic cargo was off 9.2 percent.

International air freight in February was up 1.3 percent. Mail fell 6.5 percent and international cargo registered a gain of 0.3 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
FEBRUARY 1985	258,765	86,504	345,269	170,810	24,243	195,053	429,575	540,322
FEBRUARY 1984	292,477	87,756	380,233	168,562	25,935	194,497	461,039	574,730
PERCENT CHANGE	(11.5)	(1.4)	(9.2)	1.3	(6.5)	0.3	(6.8)	(6.0)
2 MONTHS 1985	520,349	176,953	697,302	331,923	49,835	381,758	852,272	1,079,060
2 MONTHS 1984	573,492	175,181	748,673	318,044	51,806	369,850	891,536	1,118,523
PERCENT CHANGE	(9.3)	1.0	(6.9)	4.4	(3.8)	3.2	(4.4)	(3.5)

NOTES: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest (Domestic only), Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.